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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Preliminary majorities were unchanged in central and midwestern markets with prices one cent lower in western areas. Demand was light to fair for regular business and limited for fill-in needs. Interest centered on holiday items at the majority of retail outlets. Fast-food business showed the most improvement as seasonal shopping trends have begun in some areas. Parts movement was slow, supplies were at least adequate, and late week availability had cleared from primary suppliers. Processing schedules were reduced for the upcoming holiday week, with only a few plants electing to operate this weekend. Live supplies were sufficient at adequate weights.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/19-11/24/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-53.00	49.00-66.75	52.26	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-64.00	49.00-65.00	63.53	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
694	58.40-66.50	64.17
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	192.00	1,331
BREASTS - B/S	123.00	4,484
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	978
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	726
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	8,095
WINGS	88.50	3,066

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The Chicago preliminary majority was unchanged for next week's delivery. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to barely steady. Offers on whole birds limited, however WOGs were adequate for current needs. Retail demand was light to fair with most activity centering on holiday items. Food service movement mostly fair to instances good into fast food where featured. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable. Trading on parts items was slow overall with best interest on wings. Supplies fully adequate to ample on breast items and leg quarters and adequate to closely balanced on wings. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on leg items and breast items, mostly steady on wings.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand entering the weekend continued seasonally light with more traditional holiday items in best demand. Fast food movement was light to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Parts were at least adequate or available with discounts present to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was barely steady to weak. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally lower prices, however new negotiations were at mixed levels. Offerings seasonally ample for current needs. Retailer demand was fairly good; best for parts and to cover scattered feature activities. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-79, roasters 98-129, ducks 149, cornish 169, boneless breasts 199, drumsticks 79-99, thighs 79-99, gizzards 79.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best. Offerings were usually adequate as dealers limited receipts due to their seasonal purchases. Retail and distributive movement was irregular with traders expecting buying patterns to shift towards holiday items. The market tone was about steady and cautious. In the parts complex, dealers were working as close as possible with needs as available floor space was scarce.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited as buyers interest turned to turkeys, hams and other items for the upcoming Holiday. Seller offerings were generally more than sufficient for the reduced inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules varied, but when combined with operations slated for Saturday, were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings were attracting additional interest, but all items were more than sufficient to handle current needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.59
NO. OF BOXES	6,604
CUMULATIVE	11/12/01-11/16/01 55.59
	11/13/00-11/17/00 58.34
NO. OF BOXES	11/12/01-11/16/01 45,172
	11/13/00-11/17/00 54,586

\*7 of 9 plants reporting.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	899	105.00-183.00	110-120	118.43	805	105.00-185.00	110-120	119.55	3,411	118.99
TENDERLOINS	173	105.00-201.00	105-110	115.81	65	105.00-201.00	-	134.39	633	118.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	147	59.00-65.00	60-63	62.59	107	60.00-65.00	61-63	63.32	468	63.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				284	59.04
LEGS	88	39.00-55.00	39-41	40.45	88	39.00-55.00	39-40	40.29	352	40.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	23.00-32.00	23-25	24.06	478	23.00-32.00	23-24	23.66	1,678	24.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	26.00-34.00	27-30	28.14	1,330	26.00-34.00	27-30	28.26	5,120	28.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	72.00-93.00	-	89.88	300	72.00-93.00	90-93	90.22	1,200	89.63
WINGS (CUT)	470	90.00-110.00	94-98	97.58	367	90.00-110.00	95-99	98.63	1,742	97.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				103	44.00-55.00	46-48	47.77	412	47.43
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				48	45.00-55.00	45-47	47.50	160	48.37
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				120	88.50

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 47.00	41.78	40.00 - 47.00	41.58	41.80

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest remained limited entering the weekend as dealers continued to keep floorstocks closely balanced in order to accommodate the holiday items dominating the market. Offerings of breast items were readily available. Legs and leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone ranged no better than steady to instances weak.

ICE PKD BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT & TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. NOV 16, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*					
BREAST - B/S	115-120	121.71	281,960		115	119.96	300,120	119.79	1,504,230	
TENDERLOINS	105	103.02	62,720		100	104.22	87,402	103.72	360,575	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	64.26	186,600		54-55	61.04	180,960	63.68	991,680	
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	55.91	112,680		54	54.41	148,160	57.48	747,120	
LEGS	41-42	44.54	110,440		39-40	46.14	46,280	45.03	641,345	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.73	626,599		27-28	28.12	230,554	29.33	2,244,769	
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	41.33	84,630		39-40	42.02	66,200	40.85	501,280	
THIGHS	37-38	43.43	56,350		37-38	40.24	99,680	42.57	318,640	
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.14	36,400		86-87	85.87	40,840	85.95	249,940	
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	89.32	206,720		83-84	86.54	231,760	88.72	1,255,800	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	13.49	25,800		10-12	12.05	53,720	12.28	214,600	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.51	10,840		30-35	35.97	12,160	35.94	61,625	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	60.31	25,520		55-60	55.76	22,560	56.52	116,010	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/16	11/15	11/14	11/13	11/14	11/13	11/09	11/07
ALA	3,988	4,013	3,986	3,902	5.10	5.20	4,251	5.18
ARK	5,534	5,331	4,697	5,192	4.99	5.03	5,419	4.97
DELMARVA	2,517	2,253	1,647	2,058	4.92	4.93	2,132	4.90
KY-LA-TN	2,234	2,011	1,917	2,008	4.56	4.69	1,998	4.68
MISS	2,844	2,848	2,305	2,745	5.03	4.81	2,764	5.14
NC	2,645	2,554	2,519	2,158	5.94	6.20	2,503	6.02
TEXAS	2,621	2,403	2,082	1,887	4.84	4.62	2,353	4.96
TOTAL	22,383	21,413	19,153	19,950	5.08	5.08	21,420	5.13
MON-FRI 103,119 (A)							105,389(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Nov 01 and 17-Nov-01 is estimated to be 33,487,000 up 4.18 percent from a week ago and up 10.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,143,000; last year 30,318,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 17-Nov-01 is estimated to be 151,666,000 head down 1.9 percent from a week ago, and up 1.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 154,526,000 Last year 148,934,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

RANGE	
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

RANGE	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-96
	DRY PACK 96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending November 3, 2001

(Preliminary),	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,586	28,217	44,088
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.23
% of total /1	29%	28%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	29,285	37,011	48,515
Avg Weight	3.80	4.71	6.19
% of total /1	26%	32%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,727	35,327	42,539
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.11
% of total /1	26%	34%	41%
To date/2001	1,376,689	1,218,302	1,915,305
To date/2000	1,450,830	1,479,398	1,783,798

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	154,526 (A)	1,844	1,431	3,275	502
AVG WT	4.93	3.45	7.82	5.36	6.65
LAST WEEK	155,524	1,904	1,350	3,254	524
SAME WK YR AGO	157,629	2,016	1,530	3,546	485
AVG WT	5.12	3.62	7.41	5.25	6.55
TO-DATE/2001	6,940,299	80,516	62,259	142,775	22,673
TO-DATE/2000	6,964,894	85,583	65,531	151,114	20,205

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.4 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY** - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 13, 2001  
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 -1.00	Silkies	2.00 -2.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .84	Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .42
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	Pigeons	1.75 -2.25ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .54	White Pigeons	3.00 -3.50ea
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .98	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.00 -1.70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .94	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.80 -1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - .92	Bunnies	1.00 -4.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .94	Guinea Pigs	.10 -2.50ea
Guinea Fowl	1.10 -1.25	Goats	40.00 -68.00ea
Banty Roosters	2.50-5.75ea	Kid Goats	15.00 -25.00ea
Banty Hens	2.00-3.25ea	Doves	3.50 - 5.50ea
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .72
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .42	Total Coops Sold	875

\*\*DUE TO THE UPCOMING THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, NEXT WEEK'S REPORT WILL BE RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001.\*\*

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 12-NOV-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85
	68-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good and expected to improve some over the next few weeks due to the upcoming holidays. Sizes were desirable to at times heavy. Slaughter schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-NOV-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-01

	CURRENT WEEK 11/17/01(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/10/01
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	155,987(2)	158,366
LT HENS	1,546	1,796
HVY HENS	1,596	1,481
CHECK TOTAL	159,129	161,643

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Nov-01 is 148.1 million head compared to 150.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.3 million head or 8.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Nov-01 the estimated available is 149.1 million head.

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/17/01	11/10/01	% CHG	11/18/00	% CHG
Broilers	151,666	154,526*	-02	148,934*	+02
Cattle	653	667	-02	660*	-01
Hogs	2,037	2,004	+02	2,042*	0

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were in close balance to instances short. Undertone was at least steady on lights, fully steady on the heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26-27 MAJORITY	33-39 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26.25-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	34-41 MAJORITY 34.75-36.25

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light and generally unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reduced due to the holiday. Canners movement was moderate for the about adequate offerings. The undertone was about steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Interest for processed product was light to moderate. Schedules were sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good for about adequate offerings of spent fowl. Slaughter schedules reduced for next week for the Thanksgiving holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full slaughter schedules. Demand was fairly good. Offerings adequate.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for the reduced holiday schedules. Canner supplies were about adequate to instances short and clearing. The undertone was at least steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand for spent fowl was light to moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for next weeks reduced kills. Finished sales were good with inventories in close balance. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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